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**New Report: Affordable Care Act Gives Americans More Security, Better Benefits**

The White House today released a [new report](#) highlighting the benefits of the Affordable Care Act. The report discusses how the Affordable Care Act has improved the health care system for millions of Americans and includes stories of Americans who have been helped by the law.

“Today, two years after we passed health care reform, more young adults have insurance, more seniors are saving money on their prescription drugs, and more Americans can rest easy knowing they won’t be dropped from their insurance plans if they get sick,” said President Obama. “The law has made a difference for millions of Americans, and over time, it will help give even more working and middle-class families the security they deserve.”

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act:

- 2.5 million more young adults have health insurance on their parent’s plan.
- 5.1 million people with Medicare saved an average of \$635 on the cost of their prescription drugs. And everyone on Medicare can get preventive services like mammograms for free.
- Insurance companies must spend at least 80 percent of your premium dollars on health care and not overhead and cannot raise your premiums by 10 percent or more with no accountability.
- It is illegal for insurance companies to deny coverage to children because of a pre-existing condition. And in 2014, discriminating against anyone with a pre-existing condition will be illegal.

The report spotlights examples of Americans from across the country who have benefitted from the law including:

- Devon Grochowski graduated from Pennsylvania State University in May of 2010 but she doesn’t get benefits, including health insurance, at work. Without the provision in the Affordable Care Act that allows her to stay on her parent’s plan until she is 26, Devon would have had to consider leaving her job to get one that offers benefits, even if that meant leaving the field where she’s hoping to build her career.

- Michael and Margaret Novak own a grocery store in a small rural town in Montana. They were able to receive a small business tax credit worth \$10,500 to help them continue to offer health insurance to their more than two dozen employees.
- Amy Ward of West Des Moines, Iowa came down with a rare infection that nearly cost her life. Without the Affordable Care Act, Amy and her husband may not have been able to afford all the care she needed to recover. Before the new health care law, Amy's health insurance policy had a lifetime dollar limit.

The report released today also discusses how the new law is investing in public health and improving the quality of health care for all Americans. New health policies that cut red tape will save providers and health plans an estimated \$12 billion. Additionally, investments in public health will expand the number of health care providers in underserved areas by supporting the National Health Service Corps and strengthening community health centers.

For additional information on your State and stories from Americans already benefitting from the law, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/healthreform](http://www.whitehouse.gov/healthreform).

### The ACA and Small Businesses

- **White House Blog: [By the Numbers: \\$23,000](#)** (*"The Affordable Care Act is already [helping small business owners](#) with the costs of [providing health insurance for their employees](#)"*)
- **White House Blog: [Breaking it Down: The Health Care Law and Cost Control](#)** (*"The Affordable Care Act includes a number of key provisions designed to help make health care more affordable – in fact, many Americans are seeing lower costs, and health care spending growth in 2009 and 2010 decreased to record lows"*)
- **White House Blog: [MarkCare: Making Health Insurance More Affordable for Small Businesses](#)**

### OTHER

- **White House Blog (Checking in with Nathan and his son): [Health Care Reform in Action: One Family's Story](#)**: *"We met Nathan and his son, Thomas, in 2009. Thomas was born with hemophilia, and he hit lifetime limits on his health coverage with two different insurance companies before he turned seven years old. Two years ago, Nathan was hopeful about what the [Affordable Care Act](#) would mean."*
- **White House Blog/Valerie Jarrett Op-Ed: [The Affordable Care Act: Making a Difference for African-Americans](#)** (*"Senior Advisor to the President, Valerie Jarrett*

*discusses the Affordable Care Act and its impact on the African American community on the two-year anniversary.”)*

### **The ACA and Young Adults**

- **HHS Blog:** [Breaking It Down: The Health Care Law & Young Adults](#)
- **HHS Issue Brief:** [ACA and Young Adults](#)
- **HHS Blog:** [Steven-Care: Insurance for Young Adults Under Age 26](#)
- **Op-Ed:** [Secretary Duncan and Secretary Sebelius](#)
- **HHS Press Release:** [New health care law helps young adults get and keep affordable health coverage](#)
- **“My Care” Story:** [Steven-Care: Insurance for Young Adults Under Age 26](#)

### **The ACA and Women**

- **Valerie Jarrett’s Op-Ed:** [The Affordable Care Act Protects Women’s Health](#) (“As the Supreme Court debate over President Obama’s health-care bill looms, Senior Adviser Valerie Jarrett writes that among others the Affordable Care Act has greatly benefited women”).
- **Blog:** [Breaking It Down: The Health Care Law & Women](#)
- **HHS Issue Brief** on ACA and Women
- **HHS Press Release:** [Health reform provides more than 45 million women access to preventive health care services](#)
- **“My Care”:** [Vanessa-Care: Health Coverage Without Lifetime Limits #MyCare](#)
- **White House Blog:** [Health Reform in Action: A Mother's Story](#)
- **White House Blog from ACA Champion of Change:** [Raising the Voices of Women in the Health Care Reform Debate](#)
- **White House Blog from ACA Champion of Change:** [Catering to Womens' Needs: The Fruits of ACA Regulations](#)

### **The ACA and SENIORS**

- **MyCare story:** [Helen-Care: Giving Seniors Peace of Mind and More Money in their Pockets](#)
- **HHS blog about the Top 5 Things for Seniors to Know About the Law:** <http://www.healthcare.gov/blog/2012/03/medicare031912.html>

### **WHITE HOUSE ACA RESOURCES**

- [Fact Sheets](#)
- [Information about the ACA](#)
- [What Health Reform Means in Your State: Click on a state to find out how the Affordable Care Act is benefitting people there, and find stories from seniors, young adults, those with pre-existing conditions, and others who are now receiving better, more affordable care because of health reform.](#)

## **HHS ACA RESOURCES**

### **ACA State-by-State Numbers**

- Two years after the passage of the ACA, it has continued to provide thousands of Americans with insurance protections, preventive benefits, and resources to improve care. For more information on the benefits of the law in a particular state, please go to <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/resources/index.html>.

### **ACA PowerPoints**

- [Educational PowerPoints](#) about the ACA online

### **ACA Fact Sheets on Healthcare.gov**

#### ***The Top Five Things You Need to Know***

- Families with Children (PDF – [English 7.27 MB](#), [Spanish 1.23 MB](#))
- Health Care Providers (PDF – [English 2.71 MB](#), [Spanish 517 KB](#))
- People with Disabilities (PDF – [English 2.56 MB](#), [Spanish 931 KB](#))
- Seniors (PDF – [English 11.3 MB](#), [Spanish 1.54 MB](#))
- Small Business Owners (PDF – [English 4.22 MB](#), [Spanish 646 KB](#))
- Young Adults (PDF – [English 6.56 MB](#), [Spanish 919 KB](#))

#### ***Information for Consumers and Small Businesses***

- The Health Care Law & You (PDF – [English 8.99 MB](#))
- Information for Small Businesses (PDF – [English 763 KB](#))